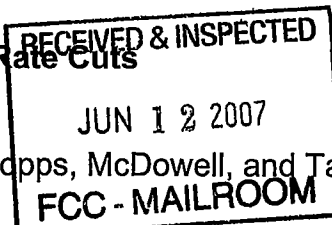


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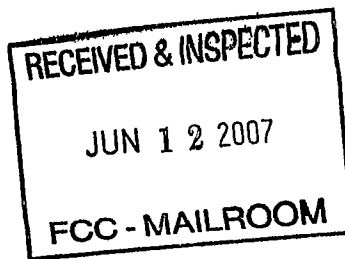
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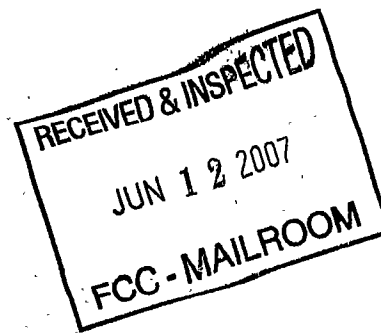
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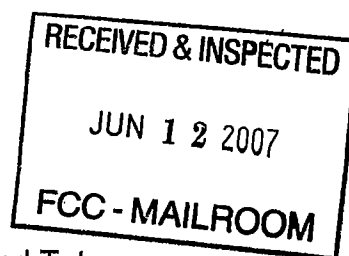
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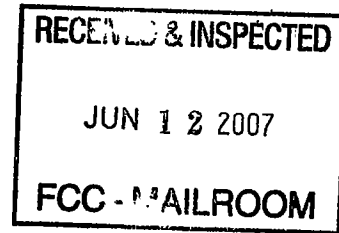
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Subj: **FOR VRS Rate Reduction**

Dear Sir:

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Rationale. The VRS corporations raid the extremely limited pool of interpreters to work for the VRS centers in cities with communication centers. These long serving centers are typically non-profits offering wide ranging services for the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf blind on extremely limited budgets. The VRS centers offer interpreter pay rates drastically higher than most community service centers can afford. The new VRS Centers recruit interpreters often developed and trained by the older service organizations. Interpreters naturally go with the money leaving fewer interpreters for the non-wealthy, non-cable, non-high speed internet subscribing individuals who are deaf.

From the outset, this entire program borders on discrimination because only those individuals with the means to subscribe to high speed internet can benefit from this government largesse. The better approach would be to share at least some of the funding with the communication centers that have paid the dues through service.

Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul T. Webb".

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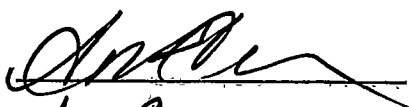
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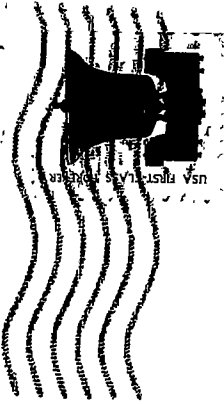
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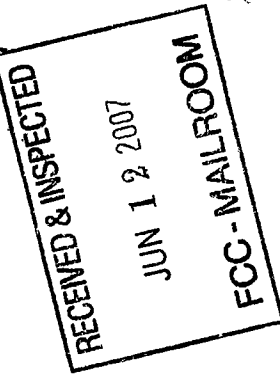
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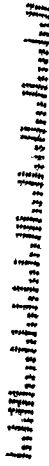
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